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Amended claims

1. A recombinant or isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding at least a biologically functional part of a mammalian protein (not being the MDM2 protein) capable of binding to a p53 protein and comprising at least a part of the sequence

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5      1  GTGGCTCTTG  CGAACTCTGG  GTTTGAGAGG  CCGGAACTGG  TGCTGCCGTT
      51  GCTCGCAGTT  TCAAAATGCA  GTGCAGGCCT  TAGGGTCTCC  GGCTGCCACC
     101  CCTCCCCCAG  CTAGGAGGGG  GAGCGACTCA  TGGAGCGGCC  GTAAGTTTGC
     151  TAACTGTGGA  GTCTTCACTG  CCAAAATGAC  ATCACATTCC  ACCTCGGCCC
    10  201  AGTGTTCAGC  ATCTGACAGT  GCTTGCAGAA  TTTCTTCGGA  ACAAATTAGT
     251  CAGGTGCGGC  CAAAACCTGA  GCTTTTGAAG  ATTTTGCATG  CAGCAGGTGC
     301  GCAGGGGGAA  GTATTCACCA  TGAAAGAGGT  AATGCACTAT  CTAGGCCAGT
     351  ATATAATGGT  GAAGCAGCTC  TATGATCAAC  AGGAGCAACA  TATGGTATAC
     401  TGTGGTGGAG  ATCTTTTGGG  AGATCTACTT  GGATGTCAGA  GCTTTTCTGT
    15  451  GAAAGATCCA  AGCCCTCTCT  ATGACATGCT  AAGAAAGAAT  CTTGTTACAT
     501  CAGCTTCTAA  TAACACAGAT  GCTGCTCAGA  CTCTCGCTCT  CGCACAGGAT
     551  CACACTATGG  ATTTTCCAAG  TCAAGACCGA  CTGAAGCACG  GTGCAACAGA
     601  ATACTCCAAT  CCCAGAAAAA  GAACTGAAGA  AGAGGATACT  CACACACTGC
     651  CTACCTCAGC  ACATAAATGC  AGAGACTCCA  GAGCAGATGA  AGACTTGATA
    20  701  GAACATTTAT  CTCAAGATGA  GACATCTAGG  CTTGACCTTG  ATTTTGAGGA
     751  GTGGGACGTT  GCTGGCCTGC  CTTGGTGGTT  TCTAGGGAAT  TTGAGAAACA
     801  ACTGTATTCC  TAAAAGTAAT  GGCTCAACTG  ATTTACAGAC  AAATCAGGAT
     851  ATAGGTACTG  CCATTGTTTC  AGACACTACG  GATGATTTGT  GGTTTTTTAA
     901  TGAGACCGTG  TCAGAGCAAT  TAGGTGTTGG  AATAAAAGTT  GAAGCTGCTA
    25  951  ATTCTGAGCA  AACAAGTCAA  GTAGGGAAAA  CAAGTAACAA  GAAGACGGTG
    1001  GAGGTGGGAA  AGGATGATGA  TCTTGAGGAC  TCCAGGTCCT  TGagCGATGA
    1051  TACTGACGTG  GAACTTACCT  CTGAGGATGA  GTGGCAGTGT  ACGGAATGCA
    1101  AGAAGTTTAA  TTCTCCAAGC  AAGAGGTAAT  GTTTTCGTTG  CTGGGCCTTG
    1151  AGAAAGGATT  GGTATTCGGA  TTGTTCTAAA  TTAATCATT  CCCTATCTAC
    30  1201  ATCTAATATT  ACTGCCATAC  CTGAAAAGAA  GGACAATGAA  GGAATTGATG
    1251  TTCCCGATTG  TAGGAGAACC  ATTTCAGCTC  CTGTTGTTAG  GCCTAAAGAT
    1301  GGATATTTAA  AGGAGGAAAA  GCCCAGGTTT  GACCCTTGCA  ACTCAGTGGG
    1351  ATTTTGGGAT  TTGGCTCATA  GTTCTGAAAG  CCAGGAGATC  ATCTCAAGCG
    1401  CGAGAGAACA  AACAGATATT  TTTTCTGAGC  AGAAAGCTGA  AACAGAAAGT
    35  1451  ATGGAAGATT  TCCAGAATGT  CTTGAAGCCG  TGTAGCTTAT  GTGAAAAAAG
    1501  GCCTCGGGAT  GGGAAACATTA  TTCATGGGAA  GACGAGCCAT  CTGACGACAT
    1551  GTTTCCACTG  TGCCAGGAGA  CTGAAGAAGT  CTGGGGCTTC  GTGTCCTGTT
    1601  TGTAAGAAAG  AGATTCAAGT  GGTATTATAA  GTTTTATAG  CATAGTTGAG
    1651  TCAGTCACAG  AGAAATACTA  GGAGGACCAG  GTCATTTATC  AAAAAAAAAA
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or a functional equivalent thereof.

2. A nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1 which is a cDNA.

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